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Minutemen Leader

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Robert Bolivar DePugh, founder and leader of the Minutemen, may be returned to Seattle to face charges of plotting bank robberies to finance "the last line of defense against Communism."

DePugh, 46, and his top assistant, Walter P. Peyson, 27, were arrested by the FBI

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near the southern New Mexico resort town of Truth or Consequences. They had been at large since January, 1948.

U.S. Commissioner Robert W. McCoy said he would hold an extradition hearing to determine whether the two men would be returned to Seattle or Kansas City, where DePugh is wanted for jumping bond.